

Table B-14. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients who have not taken courses since most recent degree, and likelihood they will take additional courses, by major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total number not taking courses since most recent degree ¹	Likelihood will take classes		
		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not likely
All science and engineering fields.....	87,600	46,200	29,700	11,700
Major type				
Total science.....	57,700	31,100	19,100	7,500
Total engineering.....	29,900	15,100	10,600	4,200
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	13,900	6,400	5,400	2,200
Life and related sciences, total.....	7,600	2,900	3,300	1,300
Agricultural and food sciences.....	1,600	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	4,400	1,800	1,800	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	1,600	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	4,000	2,400	1,500	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	4,000	2,200	1,400	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	1,500	800	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	1,500	800	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	800	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	13,700	8,400	3,400	1,800
Social and related sciences, total.....	14,500	8,900	4,100	1,600
Economics.....	1,900	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	4,800	2,300	1,700	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	2,100	1,300	S	S
Other social sciences.....	5,700	4,200	1,100	S
Engineering, total.....	29,900	15,100	10,600	4,200
Aerospace and related engineering.....	700	500	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	1,000	500	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	4,600	2,000	1,700	1,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	9,400	4,800	3,100	1,500
Industrial engineering.....	2,200	1,200	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	4,700	2,600	1,500	S
Other engineering.....	7,300	3,500	3,100	S

¹Most recent degree as of the survey reference period, April 1997.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997